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## About Us:

**Penn Sustainability Review** (PSR) is a student-run online and print publication featuring sustainability-related opinion editorials, leadership interviews, and academic papers. We aim to provide a platform for all members of the Penn community to exchange knowledge, ideas, and perspectives on wide-ranging sustainability issues. Over the course of each semester, the PSR team will publish a print publication and will maintain regular online updates —through blogs and editorials— that incorporate relevant thought-provoking articles. Both the print and online editions of PSR will cover a number of topics including: climate change, green architecture, corporate strategic sustainability, resource and energy conservation, public policy, and sustainable technology to name a few!

## Our Sponsors:

**The Kleinman Center for Energy Policy** focuses on reframing the relationship between research and practice to support policy innovation. Launched in 2014, the Kleinman Center provides a forum for scholars and stakeholders to overcome persistent barriers to energy productivity, and construct fair energy policy options.

**Student Sustainability Association at Penn** is the official student sustainability umbrella group at Penn, SSAP was founded in 2010 to foster cohesion among environmentally-focused student groups, develop strategies for impacting campus sustainability, and to create a unified student voice on green issues at Penn.

**The Kelly Writers House** is a center for writers to engage one another at Penn, regardless of which academic path they may take. Founded in 1995, KWH is the home for creative writing activities, and an impactful learning environment for writing to be promoted among readers and writers from all over the world.

## Dear Readers,

Energy powers our lives. We use it to charge our phones, fuel our cars, light the streets... the list is endless. Even recycling uses energy (p 18)! Yet, with the entire world consuming energy at an ever faster pace, how do we meet this demand without placing additional stress on the environment? Some say technology, like hydraulic fracturing (p 10) is the answer. Others say we should look into entrepreneurial electrification projects (p 22).

Regardless of how this question is answered, governments worldwide are taking their own approaches to navigating this fine balance and creating their own national energy policies: China is moving towards a carbon trading system (p 26), Australia is shifting away from its coal monarchy (p 14), and Denmark is planning for a grid run completely on renewables (p 6). Meanwhile, growing concern for the impact of the fossil fuel industry on greenhouse gas emissions in particular has been dominant among university institutions. This February, a huge majority of Penn students who voted supported university divestment from fossil fuels, however, some argue that divestment may not be the right answer (p 24).

In our first themed issue, Penn Sustainability Review is very excited to bring diverse aspects of energy policy to one place. A huge thank you goes to the Kleinmann Center for Energy Policy for providing us with valuable guidance and support throughout this entire process, and to our amazing board and writers for the considerable time and effort put into making this feat happen. Over the past two years, we have grown more than I possibly could've imagined. I could not have asked for a better end to my time here at the helm.

As I always say, readers, with this issue in your hands, we hope you learn widely and learn deeply. The future of energy policy depends on you!

Sustainably yours,

